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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

**IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 21, 2008 OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 13, 14, 23, 27, 29-31, 37, 42-47, 51-59 and 63-66 are pending.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over MacKenzie (U.S. Patent No. 3,811,851); claims 1, 5, 13 and 42-52 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over MacKenzie; claims 1, 5, 13, 14, 23, 27, 29-31, 37, 42-47, 51-59 and 63-66 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Grady, II (U.S. Patent No. 4,324,037) in view of Zeinitz (U.S. Patent No. 3,292,316), further in view of Williams et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,124,365) or Blaha (U.S. Patent No. 3,056,184), and further in view of Jones et al.